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A newsletter for Region 1—WorkOne associates & partners

Working as One

Business Services Staff Attend Two Days of Training

This past month, the Center of Workforce Innovations-Regional Operator in Region 1, offered two days of training with Larry Robbin to WorkOne the business services staff. Robbin is a widely regarded national expert on workforce development by leaders in both the public and private sectors. The two days of training took place at Valparaiso University and included *How to Design the Master Strategy for Business Services* and *Are You Talking Like Businesses Think—How to Get the Private Sector to Use Your Services*.

Both days focused on skill development, learning from peers, and integration and use of knowledge. The training and technical assistance Robbin provided will help business services folks better align services to the needs of local business clients.

Those in attendance achieved Indiana University Continuing Education Professional Development credits.

Faith and Community Based Organizations to get Reacquainted with WorkOne

The Northwest Indiana Workforce Board (NWIWB) along with the Center of Workforce Innovations and the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives will be delivering two days of *Building Your Community Network*. These events will bring together faith and community based organizations, introduce them to the WorkOne system, and help them understand the need for skilled workers in the areas of manufacturing and healthcare. They will also gain a better understanding on how forging a relationship with WorkOne might help their vulnerable populations become self-sufficient through employment.

This event will take place on Tuesday, September 9th from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at the Genesis Center in Gary, and will be repeated on Thursday, September 25th from 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. at Strongbow Inn in Valparaiso.

We have attached the flyer for this event and encourage you to share this information with any faith and community based organizations you work with or are affiliated with. They could visit www.gotoworkonenw.com or call 219-462-2940 to obtain the registration materials.

Meet our New Technology Director-Tim Post

You'll be seeing Tim Post's face out and about in the field and rest assured that you'll be in good hands with regards to his expertise! Tim joins the Center of Workforce Innovations (RO Region 1) as the new Technology Director and will be responsible for all aspects of the regional technology department including networks, connections, computers, printers, other peripherals, back up and data security, including the oversight of IT business practices, and other aspects related to technology integration into the overall work of the WorkOne system and partners. Tim spent the past 9 years with KV Works and Kankakee Valley Job Training in areas of IT.

WorkOne Wall Etiquette

What about those cluttered and sometimes unmanageable job boards?

Why not take your job board announcements/openings, make copies and provide them in a 3-ring binder available on counters and/or tables in the IRA? Have a larger IRA space—make multiple binders and title them "Job Board Binders—Current Openings".

Have questions regarding what you should or shouldn't hang on the walls? Have a good tip to declutter an area of the WorkOne office? Call Barb Grimsgard at the Regional Operator office at 219-462-2940 or bgrimsgard@innovativeworkforce.com